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Mr. Nathan S. Ancell
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Dear Mr. Ancell:

Mr. and Mrs. Casey have asked me to respond to your letter of 5 November.

They wish me to convey their appreciation for your publication, The Ethan Allen Report: The Status and Future of the American Family. The issues it discusses are of great concern to all. However, because of his public and sensitive position, it would not be appropriate for Mr. Casey to comment on your report.

We do, however, salute you for your very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

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November 5, 1986

The Honorable William J. and Mrs. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Casey:

As one of our nation's leading legislators and advisor to our Chief Executive, you have, I am sure, been extremely concerned about the importance of preserving family values in our society. We, too, have shared that concern, and have felt that part of our responsibility as a corporate citizen is to help focus attention on the importance of family life in America. With that in mind, we recently commissioned a study to examine the current status of the family as well as the direction of future trends. We want particularly to call your attention to the highlights of this study, since we hope it will be a useful reference in public statements you might make on this important subject in the future.

The Ethan Allen Report: the Status and Future of the American Family examines in depth an array of current family issues, from family conflicts to parental roles to care for the elderly to single lifestyles. One of the most surprising findings of the study is that despite the many changes family structure has undergone in recent decades -- increases in divorces, dual-career couples, and single parent households -- family values remain strong in America today. In fact, The Ethan Allen Report reveals that most Americans consider their family the most important element in their life.

The publication of the Report is the first step of an ongoing program sponsored by Ethan Allen called "Family First!" With this program, we plan to focus national attention on the American family through a variety of activities.

The quality of home and family life is critical to the social and economic well-being of our country as a whole. Strong families can directly reduce the incidences of drug use, crime, and interpersonal violence that statistics tell us are still on the rise among American youth. In addition, if people concentrated on improving their physical home environments, it would not only enhance the familial atmosphere of their homes, it would have a salutory effect on the national economy as well - fully 60% of the manufacturing in the United States involves the production of products for the home.

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I would very much like to hear your reactions to this report; you comments will be most helpful to us in developing future activities to increase general awareness of, and concern for, current family issues.

Sincerely,

Nat Ancell

Nathan S. Ancell
Chairman
Ethan Allen, Inc.

P.S. I would be delighted to send you a copy of the complete 220-page, detailed report on the study at our cost, $12.50, which covers printing and postage. If you would like to receive a copy please write:

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